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1) The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for allowance is that the cited prior art does not show a process for making microcrystalline cellulose, said process including the steps of cooking pulp in a reactor to obtain a pulp having a stable degree of polymerization, the process occurring without the use of any mineral acids, followed by partially cooling the reactor by injecting water into said reactor (claim 1).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Halpern whose telephone number is 571-272-1190.

Mark Halpern